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**Application No.:** 10/743,538**Filed:** December 23, 2003**For:** TRIGGER ASSEMBLY**Group:** 3641**Examiner:** Troy Chambers**Our File:** NPS-PT057**Date:** July 17, 2006**COMMUNICATION RE EXTENSION FOR CONTINUING WITH A  
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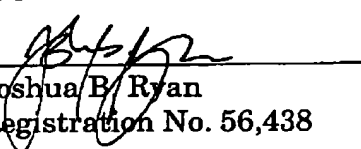
Sir:

This communication is submitted in connection with a petition for a three month extension of time and the appropriate extension fees in order to keep this application pending for the filing of a continuation application filed on July 17, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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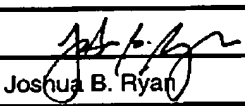
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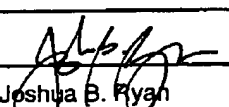
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	Filing Date	December 23, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Nygaard et al
	Art Unit	3641
	Examiner Name	Troy Chambers
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Application Number 10/743,538		Filed December 23, 2003	
For TRIGGER ASSEMBLY			
Art Unit 3641		Examiner Troy Chambers	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$ _____
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 07/18/2006 TL0111 00000010 10743538

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☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

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I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 58,438

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.  
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Signature

Joshua B. Ryan  
Typed or printed name

July 17, 2006  
Date

215-568-6400  
Telephone Number

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

## For FY 2006

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete if Known

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Examiner Name Troy Chambers

Art Unit 3641

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

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## 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

## 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

## Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims.

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
-	=	x	= 0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
-	=	= 0

## 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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## 4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (3 MTHS)

Fees Paid (\$)

510.00

## SUBMITTED BY

Signature		Registration No. 56,438 (Attorney/Agent)	Telephone 215-568-6400
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